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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing in connection with the ever more deteriorating security situation of the Serbs and other non-Albanians in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, of which I have written to the Security Council on a number of occasions.

As I informed you in more detail in my letter of 23 October 1999, the situation is worsening dramatically with every passing day. There have been frequent instances of late of Serbian villages being shelled by the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). On 19 October mortar fire was opened against the Serbian village of Mogila near Vitina and between 15 and 20 grenades hit and damaged three Serbian houses. The village of Kmetovice was also shelled and bombs were planted in Serbian houses and other property in the villages of Grncare and Vrbovac in the Gnjilane area, while three Serbian children were wounded in a landmine explosion in the vicinity of Urosevac and two were killed in the village of Krusa near Prizren.

These ignominious acts of terror, the glaring few in a multitude, provide abundant evidence that, despite the contrary pronouncements of the United Nations civil and security presences, the KLA has not been demilitarized and disarmed and that UNMIK and KFOR continue to countenance ethnic Albanian terrorism and systematic ethnic cleansing of the Serbs and other non-Albanians of Kosovo and Metohija.

In lodging a strong protest on behalf of my Government over the commission of these atrocities, I transmit its expectation that the Security Council will take the most energetic measures to ensure full implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), specifically its provision on the demilitarization and disarmament of the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army, preventing thus the ethnic cleansing of the Serbs and other non-Albanians from this Serbian province.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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